



Petition for 475 Species FAQs

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Q - What action is the Service taking?

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) announced the results of a 90-day finding on 192 species from a petition to list 475 species, most found in the southwestern United States, as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. For 129 of the 192 species, the Service found that the petition did not present substantial information indicating that listing may be warranted. For 67 of the 192 species, the Service found that the petition does present substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that listing may be warranted.

Q - Who petitioned the Service to add these species?

Forest Guardians, now WildEarth Guardians, petitioned the Service on June 18, 2007 requesting Endangered Species Act protection for 475 species that occur mostly in Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Of that 475, this finding addresses 192 species. The other species petitioned were addressed in a 90-day finding dated January 6, 2009.

Q – What species were reviewed for this finding?

The complete list of the 192 species is in the Federal Register notice. This can be found at the Service's Southwest Regions web site: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/index.html>.

Q – What species will get further review?

The complete list of the 67 species that will get further review is in the Federal Register notice. This can be found at the Service's Southwest Region web site: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/index.html>.

Q - What Information do you review for a 90-Day Finding?

Information included in a petition, information cited in a petition and information in our files.

Q - What will happen next?

With the publication of this notice, the Service is initiating a status review of the 67 species to determine if listing is warranted. To ensure that the review is comprehensive, the Service is opening a 60 day comment period beginning today, soliciting scientific and commercial information regarding these 67 species. All comments must be received by February 16, 2010.

Q – How can I comment?

Instructions on how to comment can be found in the Federal Register notice at the Southwest Region web site: <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/index.html>.